

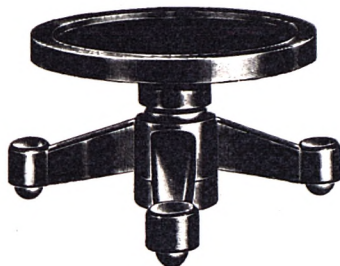
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wolves feed on the hind-
quarters of the moon,
above a windy chaos of fire,
air, earth and water

while a see of bishops
armed with burnt holly
files along the basalt foothills
of impending mountains.

dogs sleep. babies toss
in their cribs, dreaming of birds,
while chickens observe the horizon
with snake eyes. eggs stir.

on ricepaper wings
an enormous cat floats
down from the tropical sea
to scratch in the sand.

-- Peter Wild

Tucson, Arizona